

## SANITATION ENFORCEMENT



Sanitation Enforcement was established in 1997 to crack down on violations of Baltimore's sanitation laws.

### HOW?

Citations are issued by twenty-five uniformed Sanitation Enforcement Officers. Citations can be issued to property and business owners, tenants and anyone else who violates Baltimore's sanitation laws.

### ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT:

Citations are also issued by special enforcement officers from the departments of Health, Housing and Community Development (HCD), Police and Fire.

### HOW IS THE CITATION ISSUED?

#### In one of two ways:

- **In Person** - The violation is observed and the citation is issued at the time it is written.
- **Via Certified Mail** - When the citation cannot be issued in person, it is sent certified mail. If it cannot be served in this manner, the citation will be forwarded to the Bureau of Collections for further action.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU RECEIVE A CITATION?

1. Pay the fine, or
2. Request a hearing, or
3. Call if you think you were cited in error.

## VIOLATIONS & FINE AMOUNTS

These are examples of some of the violations for which citations can be issued:

- High grass and weeds	\$50
- Abandoned/derelict vehicles	\$50
- Accumulation of trash and debris in yard	\$50
- Trash out on the wrong day	\$50
- Storage of debris and bulk items	\$50
- Littering	\$50
- Accumulation of trash and debris on commercial property	\$100
- Abandoned/derelict vehicles on commercial property	\$100
- Dog feces on property	\$50
- No trash receptacles	\$50
- Outdoor storage or maintenance of certain vehicles	\$50
- Prohibited disposal over 25 lbs	\$200

The Environmental Control Board also conducts hearings on nonsanitation issues such as ticket scalping, public drinking, overcrowded buildings, illegal pay phones, public urination, animal control and snow removal.

***Fines can range  
from \$25 to \$500  
per offense.***

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD

The Environmental Control Board (ECB) was created by City of Baltimore Ordinance 98-326, signed into law on June 22, 1998. The ECB was established for the issuance, service and civil enforcement of environmental citations. The ordinance specifies the violations for which the citations may be issued and the amount of the prepayable fine. The citations are generally related to the enforcement of certain sanitation, environmental, health and safety laws.

### WHO?:

The ECB has 13 members:

- 5 are from the City agencies: Public Works, HCD, Health, Police and Fire,
- 5 are environmental experts who make up the board's scientific panel,
- 2 are from the general public, and
- 1 is a member of the Baltimore City Council

### WHAT IT DOES:

The ECB holds hearings for all environmental violations. The ECB allows all cited parties to give statements regarding their guilt or innocence of the possible violation. The ECB hearing officers will then issue a judgement, based on Baltimore City's Environmental Codes, either to sustain the violation, pay the fine or dismiss.

### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Sanitation Enforcement	410-545-6497
ECB	410-396-6909
Bulk Trash	410-361-9333
Community Clean Up	410-396-4511
Graffiti Removal	410-545-1918
Recycling	410-396-5916
Street and Alley Cleaning	410-396-4515
Trash Collection	410-396-4572

***DO THE GRIME, PAY THE FINE!***

***From the Mayor...***

Trashing Baltimore is a crime! It is not a violent crime, but it still makes our City bleed. It makes for an unhealthy environment. Children get cut on broken glass in a playground. Rats rapidly reproduce in filth-strewn yards. Mosquitoes multiply in stacks of illegally discarded tires. Visitors get a bad impression of us. We shake our heads at our own behavior.

There is no reason for this to continue. Baltimore has the most extensive cleaning and trash collection program around. We come to your home two times each week to pick up your trash. We get your recyclables once a week and your bulk once a month. We even offer free drop-off locations if you have extra material you want to dump.

Sanitation Enforcement and the Environmental Control Board are important tools in our fight against grime. If you do the grime you pay the fine. Obeying our sanitation laws saves you money, saves the City money, protects the health of all citizens and improves our quality of life. Pitch-in, clean up and you will find that "Clean Up is Contagious."



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contains information  
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